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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Analysis of Available Intelligence Suggesting
Contra Involvement in Drug Trafficking

Assistant Secretary Elliott Abrams has spoken to me of his concern about the possible involvement of contras in drug trafficking. He has requested an Intelligence Community study, on an urgent basis, on this issue. He would like for the study to pull together all foreign and domestically-generated information that is available, rumors and all, and provide an assessment of the credibility of charges.

The Assistant Secretary believes it is essential that we know before the rest of the world if any of those whom we have funded are engaged in this business so that they can be expelled from the ranks of the resistance. He has asked that an initial report be prepared by January 19 and a final report no later than February 1.

I agree that this study should be undertaken expeditiously. INR is ready to assist you in coordinating a community study on this matter.

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